Visit of Foreign Dignitaries to India

196. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of visits of foreign dignitaries and delegations from various countries who visited India in the past three months;

(b) what are the details of subjects discussed and/or referred to by the Government of India;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached between Russia and India; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH):

(a) and (b) A statement is enclosed. (See below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following agreements were signed between India and Russia during the visit of H. E. Mr. Boris Yeltsin, President of Russian Federation, to India;

(1) Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation.

(2) Agreement on Rupee-Rouble Exchange Rate.

(3) Protocol on Indo-Russian Consultations.

(4) Agreement on Cultural Co-operation.

(5) Agreement on Defence Cooperation.

(6) Agreement on Information.

(7) Agreement on Combating Illicit Traffic in Narcotics.

(8) Agreement between Ministry of Home Affairs and Russian Ministry of Security.

(9) Memorandum on Science and Technology.

(10) Echange of Letters on Trade Matters.

Statement

Dignitary/delegation Visited India	Subject discussed and/or referred to by Government of India.
(1) Prince and Princess Akishino of Japan. (12-11-92-20-11-92).	Visist was on invitation of Vice President of India and also in connection with 40th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations beteen Japan and India.
(2) His Highness the Aga Khan (9-11-92—24-11-92)	Activities of Aga Khan network functioning in India.
(3) Delegation from US Sebate's Foreign Relation Committee (16-11-92—18-11-92)	Bilateral subjects with emphasis on human rights, nuclear proliferation, environmental issues and foreign investment in India.
(4) 8 Member British Parliamentary Delegation led by Mr. Jim Lester (28-11-92—9-12-92)	Bilateral and international issues.
(5) Polish Parliamentary Delegation led by H.E. Prof. Wiesloow-Chrzanowdki, Marshal of Sejm (7-12-92—12-12-92).	Bilateral matters.
(6) US Congressional Delegation (8-12-92—9-12-92)	Issues relating to security, disarmament, human rights and economic reforms

Dignitary /deligation Visited India	Subject discussed and/or referred to by Government of India
(7) H.E. Mr. Seycum Mesfin Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ethopia (14-12-92—17-12-92)	Indian assistance to Ethopia.
* (7A) (8) Prof. Erno Punger Minister and President of the National Committee for Technology Development of Hungary (December 1992)	Bilateral Scientific and technological cooperation.
(9) H.M. Jigme Singye Wangchuk King of Bhutan (4-1-93—7-1-93)	Bilateral relations, situation in the region and recent developments in international relations.
*(7A) H.E. Mr. Pierre Joxe Defence Minister of France (26-12-92—2.1-93)	Bilateral defence relations and ways & means to deversity and augument the same.
(10) H.E. Mr. Ranasinghe Premadasa President of Sri Lanka (17-1-93)	Issues of mutual interest.
(11) H.E. Mr. John Fraser Speaker of House of commons of Canada (20-1-93—27-1-93)	Bilateral issues.
(12) H.E. Mr. V.F. Shumeiko First Deputy Prime Minister of Russian Federation (20-1-93—23-1-93)	Visit of H.E. Mr. Boris Yeltsin President of Russian Federation.
(13) RT. Hon. Mr. John Major M.P. British Primie Minister (23-1-93—28-1-93);	International issues including developments in Europe internal developments in India situation in J&K relations with neighbouring countries non-proliferation and disarmament and bilateral economic relations.
(14) H.E. Mr. Boris Yeltsin, President of Russian Federation (27-1-93—29-1-93)	Issues Pertaining to bilateral cooperation in the commercial economic, space, defence and other sectors, economic liberalisation problems of religious fundamentalism; nuclear disarmament; kashmir; cross-border terrorism, relations with select neighbouring countries etc.
(15) Minister for Information & Arts of Singapore (4-2-93—15-2-93)	Cooperation in Arts, Heritage and Archives, proposal for setting up an industrial corridor for Singapore in Madras and on investment climate in India.
(16) H.E. Mr. Felipe Conzulez, Prime Minister of Spain (7-2-93—10-2-93)	International issues including European integration and the role of UN economic liberalisation program in both countries, bilateral cooperation on terrorism, the growing problem of religious fundamentalism, internal developments in India and India's relations with its neighbours.
(17) H.E. Mr. Abdul Qader Qaddourah, Speaker of Syrian People's Council (8-2-93—17-2-93)	Bilateral matters.
(18) H.E. Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Aljaber Al-Sabah, First Deputy-Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kuwait (10-2-93—11-2-93)	Bilateral relations and regional situation in South-West Asia.

Dignitary/delegation visited India	Subject discussed and/or referred to by Government of India.
(19) H.E. Mr. Abdumalik Abdullejonov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Tajikistan (14-2-93—18-2-93)	Bilateral, regional and global issues.
(20) H.E. Mr. Yvonne Van Rooy, Minister of Foreign Trade of Netherlands (14-2-93-17-2-93)	Review of bilateral trade relations and to consider ways and means to diversity the same.
(21) H.E. Mr. S.V. Lavorov, Deputy Foreign Minister of Russian Federation (16-2-93)	Multilateral issues including human rights, disarmament, reform and restructuring of the UN and its specialised agencies, expansion of Security Council, administrative and budgetary matters concerning the UN and Pakistan's interference in India's internal affairs.
(22) H.E. Dr. Helmut Kohl Chancellor of Germany (18-2-93—22-2-93)	All aspects of bilateral relations, in particular promotion of economic relations and investments, international issues of interest and concern, regional developments including European Integration trends and India's relations with neighbours.

Expulsion of Palestinians by Israel

197. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has lodged any protest to the Israel Government against the expulsion of 415 Palestinians; and

(b) if so, what has been the response of the Israel Government?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) The Government of India has repeatedly urged the Government of Israel to withdraw its expulsion order and take back the deportees.

(b) The latest response of Israel is to take back 100 deportees and reduce the sentence for the remainder from 2 years to one year.

Ayodhya Incident by Pak National Assembly

198. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have lodged any protest with the Government of Pakistan against the reference of Ayodhya incident by the Pakistan National Assembly; and

(b) if so, what are the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have strongly objected to the National Assembly of Pakistan discussing a matter lying entirely within the domestic jurisdiction of India and on which Pakistan has no locus standi. These objections have been conveyed at the political level as well as through diplomatic channels.

International Chemical Weapons convention in Paris

199. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recently signed an International Chemical Weapons Convention in Paris; and